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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Our town always looks nice, especially when crape myrtle is in bloom. There are a number in bloom right now and I am fortunate to have five. . .two in full bloom, two too young, and one in between. The blooms are fragile and shed when brought indoors. I like fresh blooms indoors, so I brought in a small sunflower and is a joy to behold.

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The community cannery is a busy place and all over our great county gardens are yielding a good harvest. Sorry gardener that I am, have brought in only three tomatoes, so far and they were not near as nice as the ones a friend gave us.

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Long as I can remember, I have been a vegetarian and Brightleaf shares that preference. Our meat bill is light. Among my weaknesses fondness for ice cream and two pints of same is my answer to the hot weather problem.

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Tobacco growers must be pleased with prices as the Carolina markets open. Demand is excellent and the average is around $130 per hundred weight.

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Ah yes, warm weather or no, football is around the corner. The Washington Redskins play the Breen Bay Packers at RFK Stadium August 11. High school team prospects should be getting in shape.

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Arts and crafts are booming all over. I hear of many special sales and buyers delight in attending.

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Saw a full grown rabbit run the length of my back lot, turn around and run back to the starting point, and then repeat it all three times. Must have been running from the same yellow jacket that nipped me.

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There should be someone in every family knowing what to do in case of bee stings, bites, falls, fainting, heart attacks, etc. and there is. In my case I would be prone to call the Rescue Squad.

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I have a book called "Leaves of Gold." In an article about The Bible, it says the word "and" occurs 46,227 times. I would guess the most beloved verse is John 3:16.

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Also, I have a set of books on the great literature of the world and have been reading of the literature of Armonia. Here are some Armenian proverbs. . when you are going in consider first how you are coming out. . .my heart is no table cover to be spread over everything. . .the wound of a dagger heals but that of the tongue never. . .until you see trouble you will never know joy. . .when I have honey the flies come even from Bagdad.

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Appomattox should have several entries in the Lynchburg Ten-Miler Run this year. Coming up soon. I have seen several joggers around town lately and maybe they are readying.

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"Scattered showers" in the weather forecast means just that. One of my friends was telling about the nice shower of rain they had. I asked another friend standing by how much rain at his place and he said, "about ten drops." August is traditionally a hot and dry month, and August is NOW.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Alice C. Martin Named County Chairman of Blood Services

Mrs. Alice C. Martin has been named Blood Services Chairman for Appomattox County according to an announcement made this week.

In the above photo, Grover P. Beasley, Jr., center, Chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter, American Red Cross, is shown presenting materials to Mrs. Martin as Mrs. Elizabeth B. Daves, Field Representative, American Red Cross, Appalachian Red Cross Blood Services, looks on. They met Tuesday to discuss information regarding the blood services program in our county and possible ways to make it more effective. At this time, Appomattox County is short of its goal and we need to put forth extra efforts to make sure that we reach our goals in the coming year and make up the shortage from last year.

The first visit of the fiscal year is set for Appomattox County and the Bloodmobile will set up here at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 1978. Make plans now to be present to donate a unit of YOUR blood. The quota for each visit is 110 units of blood plus more to begin making up the shortage so that our county can once more be 100% in the blood services program.

YMCA To Form Alumni Association

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) announces the formation of a statewide alumni association of all former members of the Model General Assembly Program. The purpose of the alumni association will be to aid the Virginia YMCA in its various statewide youth programs.

In announcing the formation of a Model General Assembly Alumni Association, the Virginia YMCA Board named Attorney General Marshall Coleman honorary chairman of the alumni association. Coleman is the highest elected state office holder who participated as a teenager in the Virginia YMCA's Model General Assembly.

In addition to Cole m a n, twenty-three other state office holders are endorsing the program and will aid in the effort to contact past members of the Model General Assembly throughout the state.

"We want to contact as many Model General Assembly alumni as possible. It is extremely difficult to locate many of the past participants since the program was started in 1948 and has involved participation of more than 22,000 Virginia teens," said Virginia YMCA president Robert B. Carpenter, Jr. "We're having an especially difficult time locating the women who were participants of the Model General Assembly, since many have married and are no longer using their maiden names."

"We're sending out a call to all of these former MGA participants because we feel the alumni will be a great help to us in developing programs for the youth of Virginia. They will serve as an inspiration to the high school students participating in the Model General Assembly and they will be able to help us reach more Virginia youths," Carpenter noted.

The Model General Assembly gives youth from high schools throughout the state the opportunity to run their own mock General Assembly over a three day period at the State Capitol in Richmond. The Virginia YMCA's Model General Assembly was the first such

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REACT SETS MEETING DATES

The Central Virginia React will meet at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch on the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

If interested in hearing more about React, feel free to stop by.

The next meeting will be held on August 6th.

Workers Complete Fund Drive For Mental Health

Mrs. Harry G. Lawson of Appomattox raised $75.50; Mrs. Ann Phillips of Evergreen raised $36.00; Mrs. Sadie Pankey of Gladstone raised $51.50; Mrs. Julie Coffman of Spout Spring raised $25.00; and Rev. A. M. Taylor of Pamplin raised $33.00 in the drive benefiting the Mental Health Association of Virginia.

Bellringer workers collected house-to-house during May.

Proceeds benefit the nonprofit organization whose members are dedicated to fighting mental illness through education, while working on behalf of the emotionally disturbed and their families.

Association President, Isabel G. Brenner, said that "the organization exists entirely on donations, such as those raised in the May Bellringer campaign."

Brenner thanked these Bellringer workers in their areas, calling them a significant part of a team in the statewide effort to promote mental health.

Publications Available From Rep. Daniel

Two hundred free or low-cost publications, on everything from child care to money management, are available in the revised CATALOG of consumer publications, produced by the General Services Administration.

The 16-page "shopping list", prepared by the Consumer Information Center, is available through the offices of Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel.

The Congressman will send a copy of the list to anyone requesting it and the recipient then marks those bulletins desired and sends it to Consumer Information Center Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Most of the items are free, but for those for which a charge is made, remittance would be sent with the order.

Updated quarterly, the CATALOG covers subjects as employment, energy conservation, health, nutrition, housing, home buying, sewing, cooking and many other subjects.

The publications are designed to help the consumer deal with increased problems brought on by inflation. They aim to help the consumer know that he is getting his money's worth when he buys and that the price paid is fair.

Requests for the list should be made by writing or calling Daniel's district offices - - 315 Post Office Building, Danville, Va. 24541, and 104-A High Street, Farmville, Va. 23901. The telephone numbers are, respectively, 792-1280 and 392-6644.

Carter Martin looks over a field of Brown Leaf planted in late May. This field was an Orchard Grass pasture that had not been in tobacco in at least 10 years. It has been fertilized with 1900 pounds of 5-10-15-per acre.

The Martin Brothers - G. C., Beverly, and Jack stand in a six acre field of Brown Leaf tobacco that was planted May 30. It received 1500 pounds of 6-12-18 and is in an old orchard grass pasture.

Riley Megginson shows Dick Martin his field of Brown Leaf that was fertilized with 1500 pounds of 6-12-18 per acre. It was planted May 26 and the field was in tobacco last year.

Henry and Nelson Mann examine a field of Sears Special that was planted June 1. It was fertilized with 1000 pounds of 6-12-18. Red Clover was grown on this field last year.

Outstanding County Tobacco Growers

Appomattox County has some outstanding tobacco growers. Some of the finest Dark Fired Cured Tobacco is coming from the red soils of this county. These pictures show a few of the

Landscape for energy. Some of the best energy-saving opportunities are found outside the house. In a test conducted on two identical houses in Nebraska, for example, researchers measured the amount of fuel needed to maintain an indoor temperature of 70 degrees. One of the houses was exposed to the wind, the other was protected by bushes. The results showed that the protected house used 23 percent less fuel than the unprotected house. In a similar Princeton study, a five-foot wooden fence, erected on the windward side of a house, reduced air infiltration by up to 30 percent. Other projects have demonstrated that the most effective place to set shrubs or a windbreak is upwind, at a distance from the house that equals 1½ to 2½ times the height of the building.

good crops of tobacco being produced in the county this year, J. A. Smith, Extension Agent, reported.

New Business Slated For Downtown Appomattox

"Buck's Body Shop", The Place To Shape up!

As a community, Appomattox is growing in a hurry. If, however, you as an individual have grown physically a bit more than suits your fancy, don't despair; help is on the way!

Beginning September 1, 1978, "Buck's Body Shop" will be open and ready to help you get in shape and stay that way.

The new endeavor, to be located in Downtown Appomattox in the building formerly utilized by the Extension Office, is owned and operated by Sherry and C. B. ("Buck") Tillery.

"Buck's Body Shop" will offer various types of exercise equipment guaranteed to make you look and feel better. Among other things, there will be weights, bikes and vibrating belts to help you achieve a better physical condition.

The facilities which will accomodate approximately 35 persons at a given time will be equipped with locker rooms, showers, dressing rooms, steam baths, whirl pool and sauna baths.

Individualized programs for physical fitness will be set up by personnel qualified in the area of exercise training and physical fitness.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from 10:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. the facilities will be given over to women only; on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. it will be open to men.

"Buck's Body Shop" will change the shape of things!!

Courtland Mfg. Co. Plans Training Program

Courtland Manufacturing Company this week announced plans for a training program to be set up in the Sangil Plant.

A training unit director will train eight to ten girls in a time period of from four days to two and one-half weeks, depending on the type of operation.

Individuals who take advantage of the program will not only enable themselves to reach a more desirable salary level but at the same time will be a greater asset to the manufacturing company.

"While it is true," said C. B. (Buck) Tillery, "We are basically interested in getting operators, the training program will assist those persons with expertise in sewing in become unit and general supervisors."

This is a model program developed for Courtland Manufacturing Co.; interested persons are asked to call C. B. (Buck) Tillery at Courtland Manufacturing, 352-7154 and a training schedule will be set up.

It is the belief of Courtland Manufacturing Co. that a well-trained worker is not only a more productive worker but a happier worker as well.

DON'T MISS IT! Tractor and 4-Wheel Drive Pulling Contest this coming Saturday, August 5 and Sunday August 6.

Pulling Contest This Week End

The Appomattox Young Farmers Tractor Puller's Association is sponsoring a second tractor and 4-wheel drive pulling contest this week end at Nash's Field located one mile East of Appomattox on Route 24.

The tractor pulling contest will start at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5. Registration time will be from 3 - 5:00 p.m.

The 4-wheel drive contest will start at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 6. Registration time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

$2,000 in cash prizes and trophies will be awarded.

General admission will be $3.00 per person; age 6 - 10, $1.00; under 6 years old, FREE.

For more information call 352-7148 weekdays until 5:00 p.m. or 352-8639 after 5 p.m. and week ends.

School Board To Meet August 10th

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Thursday, August 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include review of bids at which companies will supply milk to school cafeterias during 1978-79; review of pre-school conference plans; review of proposed program for pre-school handicapped children for 1978-79; review of new personnel employed for 1978-79; plans regarding basic learning skills and minimum competencies for 1978-79; and report of actual receipts and expenditures for 1977-78.

Civil War Field Encampment To Be Demonstrated

On Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6, there will be a demonstration of a typical Civil War field encampment at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. The exact location will be in the vicinity of Lee's headquarters approximately one half mile northeast of the restored village just off Route 24.

The Confederate field encampment will consist of members of Co. D 11 Va. Infantry a reactivated unit which surrendered at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. Authenticity will be the main theme in a realistic presentation of how the Southern soldier looked, ate and lived in the field.

The visitation hours for the demonstration will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The following members of the 11 Va. will be participating in the August encampment: Jeff Briggs, Sgt., Commanding 11 Va., C. F. Harlowe, Executive N.C.O., Harold W. Wyatt, Technical Advisor, Jerry Harolowe, Co. Records, W. S. Mayo, Mike Faries, Eric Bardon, Kevin Bennett and Clay Harlowe.

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